19th May 1954]

Proceedings against Sri Kamalaksha Pai, Ex-President of the Badiadka Panchayat Board, Kasaragod Taluk.

* 1029 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with refrence to the answer given in reply to Question No. 437 on 27th March 1954—

(*a*) whether the report from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards regarding the possibility of initiating criminal proceedings against Sri Kamalaksha Pai, Ex-President of the Badiadka Panchayat Board, Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district has been received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Representation for the withdrawal of the Modified Elementary Education Scheme.

* 1030 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Dravidian Federation Conference held at Erode on 24th January 1954, urging the Government to withdraw the modified elementary education scheme within three months; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Removal of untouchability.

* 1031 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any suggestion for the removal of untouchability has been received recently from the Scheduled Castes Federation, Madras;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon;

(*c*) what are the other organizations and individuals who have submitted programmes; and

(*d*) the final recommendation of the Government to the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Tamil Nad Scheduled Castes Federation submitted a scheme containing certain suggestions for utilisation of the grant given by the Government of India for the removal of untouchability and requested that they may be entrusted with

the implementation of the scheme. As the Federation is of a political character, the Government considered it not desirable to comply with the request of the Federation.

"(c) The Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh, the Hindu Dharma Sangh and one Sri V. A. Giri also made some suggestions for the utilization of the grant.

"(d) The scheme as finalised by this Government was forwarded to the Government of India. The Government of India have raised certain doubts. The matter is under correspondence."

9-40 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"After the scheme fructifies, will the implementation of the scheme be entrusted to the Tamil Nad Scheduled Castes Federation, the Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh and the Hindu Dharma Sangh?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"All shades of public opinion will be taken into consideration."

Amount allotted under discretionary grants by Collectors for Tanjore.

* 1032 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount proposed to be allotted for Tanjore for 1954-55 under Discretionary grants by the District Collectors?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The amount proposed to be allotted for 1954-55 to the Tanjore district under this head is—

	RS.
Ordinary	2,000
Special	700
Total ...	2,700"

Higher rates for the supply of electricity by the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited, South Arcot.

* 1033 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the rates for the supply of electrical energy by the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Ltd., South Arcot, are much higher than those charged for the Government supply in other parts of the same district;

(b) whether any representation has been received by the Government in this regard; and

(c) what action the Government have taken so far to reconcile this anomalous position in regard to these rates?